



  
City of Janesville  
Community  
Advocate  
Update  
March 2020

## Dear Community Partner,

Thank you for being an important advocate for our community. Please enjoy the March edition of the City of Janesville's Community Advocate Update which is filled with the latest information about exciting happenings here in Janesville!

**Downtown:** Projects continue as the weather begins to warm up in Janesville's award-winning downtown.

- **Blain Gilbertson Family Heritage Bridge:** This month, the contractor will complete the east abutment but may suspend work on the bridge deck until May while they work on the river wall north of the bridge.
- **East Side Town Square:** The contractor began repairing the river walls in late-February with completion anticipated in mid-summer. In April, work will begin on the Court St. portion of the project.
- **Fitness Court:** Don't Forget! As the weather warms up, be sure to utilize the Fitness Court located at the corner of River and Court Streets--free state of the art fitness for all!
- **Milwaukee Street Bridge:** The contractor has completed the south fascia arch for the bridge and is currently working on forming both the sidewalk on the south side of the bridge as well as the cantilevered section of the river wall. Those both will be poured this month, and the railing will be poured in April.

**ARISENow Lighting:** The City and ARISENow will install new, decorative light poles on the Court Street Bridge to match what the City is installing on Court Street. This new lighting, which will match lighting on the Milwaukee St. Bridge as well as existing lighting on Main and Jackson Streets, is expected to be complete by the end of the year.

**Special Events Symposium:** Join the Janesville Area Convention & Visitors Bureau for their first Special Events Symposium to learn the tips and tricks of pulling off a successful special event. The Symposium will feature ten 20-minute talks on a variety of topics related to hosting a large-scale public event! The event takes place on Sunday, March 22 from 1 - 4 p.m. at the Janesville Performing Arts Center. To register: [www.janesvillecvb.com/events](http://www.janesvillecvb.com/events).

**2020 U.S. Census:** The 2020 Census is coming soon and will be used for a number of government and business decisions. For example, \$675 billion in Federal money is allocated to states based on Census data. The Census is easy to complete, and for the first time, respondents have a choice to answer online, by phone, or by mail. It only takes about 10 minutes to complete when it arrives this month. Make sure you count!

**April Election:** Exercise your right to vote in the April 7, 2020 election. In-person absentee voting can be done at the Clerk-Treasurer's Office in City Hall on Monday, March 23, through Friday, April 3, from 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. On April 3 only, the Clerk-Treasurer's Office will conduct in person absentee voting until 5 p.m. On April 7, polls will be open 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. for in-person voting. Visit [www.ci.janesville.wi.us/vote](http://www.ci.janesville.wi.us/vote) for more information or call (608) 755-3073.

**Monterey Area River Restoration (MARR):** This month the contractor will begin excavation of the stormwater pond within the Monterey Bay. This work is anticipated to continue throughout the summer. If you have any ideas how to improve this environment for water fowl, please send recommendations to Parks Supervisor Ethan Lee at the Parks Division at (608) 755-3026 or [lee@ci.janesville.wi.us](mailto:lee@ci.janesville.wi.us).

If you have any questions about these topics, please contact Molly Nolte, Management Information Specialist: [noltem@ci.janesville.wi.us](mailto:noltem@ci.janesville.wi.us) or (608) 755-3094







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